PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Welcome back to term 2, it’s fantastic to see so many happy, enthusiastic people refreshed after school holidays. This term is already shaping up to be full of fun and learning, especially with many science activities, incursions and excursions planned. Classroom themes this term have been designed with student interests, needs and achievement levels in mind. Teachers are incorporating interesting teaching and learning activities into daily work programs, addressing the AusVELS and catering to individual student needs. Our literacy and numeracy activities are very focused and confirm the commitment of our teachers to helping every child reach their full potential. Welfare this term will involve a focus on our values, determining how these impact our school life and improve our learning. For Active After Schools (starting in a few weeks) we will be learning Bocce (Mrs Ridgeway) and Yoga (Teresa Price) which we are looking forward to. We also have school camp for the senior students, at Sovereign Hill which looks fantastic.

A Parent Helper program will be running very soon, so we can train up some of our willing parents to assist in the classrooms. We are anticipating a great deal of interest in this program, which is currently being reviewed to ensure it’s relevance to our setting. More information to come on this.

Enjoy the long weekend and the ANZAC DAY holiday on Friday.

Have fun,

Tara Hulonce

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

FOR TERM 2, the school newsletter will be distributed on WEDNESDAYS.

All items need to be received by Nadeesha in the office by 10am each Wednesday.

Items may be emailed to forrest.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Late items will be published the following week.

BIKE SAFETY

Please ride carefully—being alert to your surroundings. The new path in Forrest is fantastic but riders need to slow down when riding past the shop. THANKS!
Term 2 is up and running!
I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. Talk of Easter egg hunts certainly dominated our first day’s class discussion but, with a bit of prompting, the students gradually remembered other holiday activities.

Mini Beast Information reports
A few students are still finishing their reports and the presentations will all be completed this week. Once again they are all to be commended on the fantastic work they have done.

Term 2 Theme - Farms
Our integrated unit this term is Farms. Over the term we will investigate different types of farms and the food they provide. We will start by focussing on farm animals. The students will gradually build a farm wall display and word wall.

Maths
This week we have started on simple subtraction and we will begin reviewing the students’ knowledge of fractions.

Science
The students were very excited about our first science session with Mrs Standish. These are currently being conducted in the allocated science space in the Senior room. We eagerly look forward to next week’s session!

Anzac Day
I have planned ANZAC day activities for Thursday. While I will still endeavour to complete our spelling tests new spelling lists may not be completed in time for all students. They will receive their list on Monday.

Miss Mac.
Junior Room Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week is Charles Seebeck. Charles has worked very hard this week to work without being distracted. He should be especially proud of the effort he made to complete his writing recount about the holidays.

SENIOR ROOM: Zeus Shomaly for his very positive attitude towards his schoolwork.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

It is great to be back amongst happy energetic little people. Thank you very much to Aphrodite and Indigo for looking after the chooks during the school holidays.

This 10 week term is going to be very busy. We have several science incursions / excursions, sports activities, school camp, NAPLAN and school reports.

Last term students settled in developing positive learning behaviours, new routines and engaging in a wide variety of learning activities. After reflecting on individual student performance, this term we will be honing in on specific learning behaviours and narrowing literacy and numeracy parts of the curriculum to specific points of need. The objective is to maximise growth through targeted learning.

The behavioural theme for learning will be centred on “Excellence”. We are wanting to develop a range of attitudes and skills that will ultimately enable individuals to grow as learners. For example: being well organised, reflection, seeking and acting on feedback, paying attention to detail, seeking accuracy, positive collaboration, health relationships. These skills can make a significant difference learning outcomes.

Last term our historical focus was on indigenous cultures past and present. This term we will be looking at colonisation of Australia up until Federation. As our camp is at Sovereign Hill in a couple of weeks we jump to the Gold Rush and then regress back.

In science last term we completed a unit of work on plants. From this term onwards Kaz Standish will be running the science program and providing professional development to our teachers. This term the Seniors will be undertaking a unit of work called ‘Change Detectives’. We are hoping for students to report on their findings in future newsletters.

Homework: All Students have homework for 5 nights per week. Most children should now be reading a Lexile levelled book every night for a minimum of 20 minutes. Students with a Lexile level of less than 1000 will need to complete a reading record every day. Some students will be finishing off Maths work at home. This term students will be practicing their times tables. Each week they will receive a times table form that they can practice their nominated times table before the Friday Test.

WANTED...

A portable baby cot in good condition for our childcare programs. If you have one that is not in use could you please contact the school or your friendly childcare educator– Millie or Caralyn. THANKS!
W elcome back to a new term!

DIVERSITAT TRAINING – are offering courses in Childcare, which are self paced off campus and may be suitable for some members of our community. Costs are minimal at approx. $724.50 for the course and $200 for materials. Qualifications offered include Certificate III in Children's Services, Cert IV in Education Support and Diploma of Children’s Services. We have a few people interested and it would be good for a group to study together even.

Tara will be organising a visit from Diversitat in the next few weeks.

If you need more info please contact the office.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE/ OSHC PROGRAM

For OSCH/ afternoon bookings please call: Millie 0433 210886

For MORNING Childcare bookings: Caralyn 0412 953366

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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable
Here is a summary of last term’s activities…

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** - The children displayed great interest in the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. Besides reading it several times, the children played the story themselves using a felt board and felt pictures from the story. We decided to make caterpillars from egg cartons. The children painted and decorated their own unique caterpillar that they later could use as a prop acting the story.

Learning Outcomes:
- Children are confident and involved learners.
- Children are effective communicators.

**Puppet Show** - The children have really enjoyed playing with our puppet theatre. They have had several sessions watching each other and having a go behind the screen themselves. I’ve been surprised by the patience they’ve shown watching and waiting their turns.

Learning Outcomes:
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
- Children are confident and involved learners.
- Children are effective communicators.

**Playing Mums & Dads, Dolls, Dogs, Doctors, Hairdressers, and Lena & Caralyn** - The children absolutely love imaginative role-playing. Playing Mums and Dads, big sister and brother is a daily theme. So is playing with the dolls and negotiating about the prams. The room has been set up as a Doctor’s surgery for a while, which has been a great opportunity for the children to care about a patient, or being a patient. Playing dogs is another favourite, especially if I’m the owner. The children also like ‘playing Lena or Caralyn’, sitting on the chair being the Teacher, reading stories or talking about something. I’m sure some children do this a lot at home as well. All these games are about learning about the life they are experiencing, trying different roles and processing daily events. Children learn so much from playing with each other.

Learning Outcomes:
- Children have a strong sense of identity.
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
- Children are confident and involved learners.
- Children are effective communicators.

**Forrest Kids Go Bush** - The Bush Program is running very smoothly with the children enjoying themselves playing in a more free and natural environment. During the Bush Program, all of the children become so busy doing different outdoor activities. Some of the activities that are happening each time are: climbing the climbing-tree, digging in the creek, using the ropes, using water and mud making things, using hammers, wood and nails, observing interesting things in nature, and interacting with the older children.

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**Visiting Professionals** - This term we have had visits and screenings by Dentists from Colac Dental Health, and also a Speech Therapist. Besides this being a great service for families, the children have the opportunity to meet other adults in a safe and familiar environment. Many young children are quite anxious about going to new places, like a Dental Clinic, and meeting people they haven’t met before.

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Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher
FREE Regional Parenting Expo

‘Let’s Talk’ - addressing childhood anxiety and building resilience in children (aged 4-12yrs)
For parents and professionals

Tuesday 20th May 2014 11.15am - 2.30pm
Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington Street Geelong West.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Michael Carr Gregg & Nicky Johnston

Community organisation will be available on the day – Feel free to come and talk with professionals from community organisations with a focus on child mental health.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

COLAC’S COLAC JUNIOR BADMINTON

FLAMING FEATHERS FRIDAY NIGHTS

4pm to 4.30pm Training 4.30pm-6.00pm Competition
Colac Show Grounds

Cost $5.00/week & $28.00 for Badminton Victoria Fees to be paid at start of season

Enrollments first 2 Friday’s of term 2

Competition starts Term 2 Finishes end of Term 3

Ages 7-18 yrs

Sports gear to be worn not school uniforms

Racquets supplied Drinks & Snacks available for purchase

Contact: Jo Cook 52321207/0404475798
Fundraising News

Thank you to all those that have offered support to the schools fundraising event happening this Sunday 27th April – The Otway Odyssey Mountain Bike Race. The school will be running the Smoothie Peddle bikes and making delicious smoothies for the thirsty bike riders, and hopefully making some fundraising dollars along the way. The run sheet for this weekend looks like this (but it’s not too late to volunteer if you wish to!)

**Saturday 26th April**

- Fruit Pick Up – Colac: Robyn Ferguson
- Fruit Preparation – Forrest: Georgie Seebeck, Rose Sgro, Robyn Ferguson & Sarah Lane
- Marquee Set Up – Forrest: Gordon Lane, Sarah Lane

**Sunday 27th April**

**9am – 12pm**

- Bike Riders & Fruit Choppers: Georgie Seebeck, Gordon Lane (NEED ANOTHER VOLUNTEER HERE)
- Money & Ordering: Sarah Lane

**12pm – 3pm**

- Bike Riders & Fruit Choppers: Sarah Schuhmann, Beth Sprunt, Andrew Broomfield
- Money & Ordering: Sarah Lane

**3pm – Close**

- Pack Up: Sarah Schuhmann, Kim Coulter, Sarah Lane

Anyone who has some spare time and would like to put their hand up to ride a bike or chop fruit, please get in contact with me ASAP H 5236-6172 M 0421 103 042 Email thelanes.54@bigpond.com

Otherwise see you at the Forrest Recreation Reserve on Sunday for your smoothie – come and buy one of our refreshing drinks!!!!!!!!!

Thanks

Sarah Lane
BIRREGURRA PET CALENDAR 2015

The CWA Birregurra branch 2015 calendar will feature ‘District Pets’

Would you like your perfect pet in the calendar?

Entry is free!

How it works:
• Send a photo of your pet, the pet’s name, your name, your address and your telephone number to:
   Email: birrewacalendar@hotmail.com or
   Post: 88 Strachan Street, Birregurra 3242
• Entries close 8.30pm, 17 May 2014.
• A photo board displaying all entrants will be displayed at the Birregurra General Store.
• Voting for entrants can occur at the General Store ($1.00 per vote) from 1 June to 5 July 2014.
• The 12 pets with the most votes will be featured in the calendar.
• The 12 winning entrants will be notified and must be available for a professional photo shoot by Nick Jenkin
• Calendars will be on sale at the CWA stall at the Birregurra Festival 2014.

Conditions of entry:
• Only one entry per household.
• Pets must live in Birregurra and district or be a pet of a Birregurra CWA member (Birregurra district includes the postcodes of 3242, 3103, 3243, 3235, 3241).
• Between 1 June 2014 and 5 July 2014, you can purchase as many votes as you like; you just need to write the name of the pet you are voting for on a ticket and pay $1.00 per vote.
• The pet must be alive at the time of entry.
• If you want to enter four pets from the one household you must have one photo with all four pets in it – as there can only be one entry per household.